

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
U. S. Application No. 09/472,869

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claims 1-9 are allowed. Claim 11 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Canfield et al. (US 6,310,922, hereafter "Canfield"). Applicant responds to the rejection as set forth below.

Applicant herein cancels claim 10 and rewrites claim 11 in independent form, as suggested by the Examiner. Thus, all of claims 1-9 and 11 are in form for allowance.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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